Reviewer's report

Title: Fentanyl patches and sunburn: a case report of a downward spiral.

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Reviewer: Adrian Vethanayagam

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is a well written article raising awareness of an interesting issue surrounding transdermal fentanyl use, for clinicians and the public alike.

I also suggest that not only is this article published in the medical literature, but it be submitted to popular news sources available to the public, such as the BBC or the lifestyle sections of newspapers such as The Times or the Guardian.

Further research or publication could also be directed in auditing patients' knowledge of something like this as well as whether prescribing clinicians are educating their patients about this.

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.